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FULL TEXT OF SPEECH BY CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN, SUDANESE PRES.
JAAFER NIMEIRI TO OPENING SESSION OF OAU SUMMIT JULY 18
RELATING TO FOREIGN TROOP PRESENCE IN AFRICA IS REPEATED
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DEAR BROTHERS,

IT'S IN OUR HOLY HERITAGE THAT GOOD RELIGION MEANS HONEST
ADVICE; AND ADVICE MEANS THE TRUTH. IT'S ALSO IN OUR
HERITAGE THAT YOUR FRIEND IS THE ONE WHO TELLS YOU THE
TRUTH AND YOU ARE THE CREAM OF OUR FRIENDS AND THE BASIS
OF OUR COOPERATION. YOUR STRENGTH IS OURS, AND SO IS

YOUR WEAKNESS. NATURALLY, OUR STRENGTH IS INCREASED WHEN RELATED TO THE INCREASING POWER OF AFRICA.

BECAUSE OF THIS DEAR BROTHERS, I SAW FIT TO CONVEY TO YOU THE FEELINGS OF YOUR BROTHERS IN SUDAN AS THEY CONTEMPLATE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AFRICA, AND SEE DESTRUCTION, AND THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES; HEAR THE ECHO OF ARMS AND SEE THE FLOW OF ARMIES, SOME RECOGNIZABLE SINCE THEY HAD COME BEFORE TO OUR CONTINENT, CONFISCATING ITS FREEDOM, SETTLING IN OUR LANDS OR EXPLOITING ITS RESOURCES UNTIL THEY HAD TO RETREAT UNDER THE UNRELENTING PRESSURE OF OUR PEOPLE. SOME OF THESE CAME AS A RESULT OF BIG POWER CONFLICTS, SOME WITH THE SAME FACES WE KNOW, AND SOME WITH NEW ONES. ALL COMPETING ONCE AGAIN FOR OUR CONTINENT IN EVER-WIDENING CYCLES OF INTERVENTION. EACH INVITATION FOR INTERVENTION IS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER FOR COUNTER-INTERVENTION UNTIL THIS ARMED FOREIGN PRESENCE WAS ABOUT TO SURFEIT OUR POSSIBILITIES TO DEFEAT IT. THE BIG POWERS MADE OUR CONTINENT A BATTLEGROUND AND OUR PEOPLE THE CANNON-FODDER FOR THEIR WARS. I DO FEAR THAT OUR CONTINENT WILL GO THE SAME PATH THAT ASIA HAS TAKEN FOR TWENTY YEARS OF WAR AND DESTRUCTION.

WE ARE NOT IN DISAGREEMENT ABOUT REJECTING AND RESISTING FOREIGN INTERVENTION FORCED ON OUR CONTINENT THROUGH ARMED FORCES AND MERCENARIES, AND OF COURSE UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHOUT BEING INVITED. THESE ARE UNDISGUISED ATTEMPTS TO EMBOLDEN REMAINING POCKETS OF COLONIZATION IN AFRICA AND TO ENGULF THE SUPREMACY OF OUR PEOPLE WHO HAD SO HARDLY (SIC) ACHIEVED THEIR INDEPENDENCE. THE SAME ATTEMPTS WORKED TO DRAW OUR CONTINENT TO THE LINES OF FOREIGN DOMINATION. WHAT CALLS FOR CLOSEST ATTENTION IS THE RESORT TO THE PRETEXT OF SOVEREIGNTY TO INVITE INTERVENTION OR COUNTER-INTERVENTION. BUT HERE AS WELL, I DO FEAR THAT THE THINGS WILL END UP WITH A FADING AWAY OF SOVEREIGNTY ITSELF AS IT IS FALLING PREY TO THAT PRESENCE.

DEAR BROTHERS,

IF THE CALL FOR FOREIGN INTERVENTION IS INTENDED TO SUPPRESS AN INTERNAL AUTHENTIC POPULAR MOVEMENT AGAINST A FOREIGN OPPRESSOR, THIS WE HAVE TO REJECT. AND IF THE CALL FOR FOREIGN INTERVENTION IS TO SILENCE SOME MINORITIES ASKING FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS INSTEAD OF NEGOTIATIONS TO SOLVE THE DIFFERENCES, THIS MIGHT INCREASE THE PROBLEMS OF OUR COUNTRIES. IF THE CALL FOR FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IS TO ENHANCE CONFLICTS BETWEEN

COUNTRIES THIS WE SHOULD EVADE. INSTEAD WE HAVE TO ADOPT THE POLICY OF RESPECTING THE CHARTER OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND ITS RESOLUTIONS. RESPECTING THE SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERVENTION IN OTHERS' INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND PRESERVING TIES OF BROTHERHOOD AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS SO AS TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST LOOPHOLES THROUGH WHICH FOREIGN INTERVENTION MIGHT COME. ANY ACT WE DO SHOULD BE BASED ON OUR CHARTER AND WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR ORGANIZATION SO THAT AFRICA'S PROBLEMS BE SOLELY THE CONCERN OF AFRICANS TO SOLVE THEM BY THEIR OWN WILL AND WISDOM.

OUR EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN OUR UNITY AND SOLIDARITY, TO ENHANCE THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR ORGANIZATION BY RECONSIDERING THE CONSTITUTION OF ITS
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ORGANS AND COMMITTEES OF LIBERATION, DEFENSE, MEDIATION, CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION; AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ORGANS CAPABLE OF SOLVING THE PROBLEMS. IF WE ARE OBLIGED TO CREATE A MILITARY FORCE, IT SHOULD BE COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF AFRICANS AND ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF OUR ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE TO GIVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION CONTINUOUS SUPPORT SO THAT THE VICE-CHAIRMAN CONTINUE IN OFFICE THROUGH THE WHOLE YEAR HE IS IN CHARGE OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP ON OUR BEHALF.

DEAR BROTHERS

OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO KEEP AFRICA AWAY FROM THE DANGERS OF ALIGNMENT - THE STRUGGLE OF BLOCS AND SPHERES OF INFLUENCE - AND TO AIM AT THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT, ASSURING THE UNITY OF ITS NATIONS AND ITS ROLE IN LIBERATING THE OPPRESSED NATIONS, CALLING FOR DISARMAMENT AND PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND URGING FOR AN EQUITABLE ECONOMIC ORDER. OUR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS SHOULD CARRY THIS SPIRIT ON OUR BEHALF TO BELGRADE WHERE WILL BE HELD THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THEY SHOULD RAISE OUR VOICE IN ASSURING THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND ITS PRINCIPLES. END TEXT BERGUS UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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